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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where holiday features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large and unchanged for mediums and smalls. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment barely steady to mostly weak. Cartoned egg demand ranged moderate to good, best for last minute Easter orders. Loose egg movement moderate. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were usually adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	69-72
LARGE	65-74	67-70
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	74-76
LARGE	71-79	72-74
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY & Western PA.

Prices paid to producers.		
IA-MN-WI	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	27-36	31
MEDIUM	18-24	22
SMALL	7-11	

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was moderate to good, best where Easter features were in progress. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for normal to reduced schedules. Demand was noted as light to moderate. Spent hens were at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal for the upcoming week.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	68-82	73-77
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51

Northeast Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak entering the holiday weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were fully sufficient present trade requirements.

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	62-66
LARGE	60-64
MEDIUM	50-54

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was moderate to good with the best interest coming from last minute Easter orders. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were mostly adequate for the usually light demand. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75.5-84	77-80
LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
MEDIUM	49.5-58	51-54

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all weights. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where holiday features were in place. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-82	76-79
LARGE	73-80	74-77
MEDIUM	47.5-55	48-52

Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN & Southern VA.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week 22-23 cents lower on jumbo, extra large down 22 cents, 20-21 cents lower on large and 6-7 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand was seasonally good to very good, best for holiday and last minute interest. Offerings were generally ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. The market tone was very weak. Asking prices for next week 22 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 21 cents lower on large and 7 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand was seasonally good, particularly for last minute interest. Offerings were generally ample. Small benchmark price 69.

CALIFORNIA: Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
RANGE	122	118	112	89

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
RANGE	103-111	101-105	99-102	76-79

Prices to consumers major chains, metropolitan area, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.

	JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
RANGE	279-329	249-309	199-259	189-239

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were lower. Offerings were usually adequate with demand mostly light. Most breakers were reporting building inventories with additional loads coming in from regular commitments. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

RANGE MOSTLY

BREAKING STOCK 24-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 13-19 13-15
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Offerings ranged adequate to fully sufficient. Demand was light to moderate for normal to less than normal holiday breaking schedules. Cases broken in the Eastern region for the week ending April 8, 2006 was 6% more than the previous week, however 6% less than the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

RANGE MOSTLY

BREAKING STOCK 23-29 25-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 12-19 13-16
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E 08-Apr-2006
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,262,184	32,091	11,292	6,288	2,484	4,217
PW	1,254,356	31,078	11,944	6,400	2,457	4,360
LY	1,339,912	31,659	13,567	7,143	3,055	4,385
% PW	1%	3%	-5%	-2%	1%	-3%
% LY	-6%	1%	-17%	-12%	-19%	-4%
2006	17,692,060	436,845	164,879	90,225	39,928	60,378
2005	17,656,167	421,047	172,838	92,605	39,465	61,531
% YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-3%	1%	-2%

CW PW LY

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) 42.69 42.88 42.36
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 39.35 39.40 39.08

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	573,848	45.5%	16,696	52.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	590,058	47.0%	16,827	54.1%
LAST YEAR	529,060	39.5%	14,126	44.6%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices mixed from last reported levels with whites unchanged and 2 cents lower on whole, sugared and salted yolks. Southern California breaking activity was 2 percent lower for the week ending April 8. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks generally adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

RANGE
WHOLE 44-48
WHITES 45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 56-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 52-55

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged 2 to 3 cents lower with whites unchanged to 2 cents higher. Sugared yolk ranged 1 to 2 cents lower while salted yolk ranged 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment continued steady to barely steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate to cover needs with demand poor to fair for frozen yolk products and moderate on the balance. Some interested parties had stepped into the sugared yolk price discovery arena, but hadn't become owners of additional frozen sugared yolk at this time. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS**RANGE MOSTLY**

WHOLE 38-41 39-40
WHITES 40-46 40-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 49-54 49-50
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 45-50 45-48

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on whites, unchanged to lower on whole, and lower on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light with offerings sufficient for current needs. LTL blends were too few sales to report. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, about steady to steady on whole and usually steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 08-Apr-2006 were 9% more than the previous week, but 4% lower than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)**TRUCKLOTS****RANGE MOSTLY**

WHOLE 34-43 36-41 45-49
BLENDS (/) TFEWR TFEWR
WHITES 35-46 36-42 45-58
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 47-54 49-52 57-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 44-52 45-48 51-65

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on whole, unchanged to lower on yolks, and unchanged to higher on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was light with offerings adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was a little bit irregular but generally steady on most items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Apr-2006 were 11% more than the previous week, but 22% lower than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 3% higher than a year ago. The total monthly dried egg inventory was 5 % less in March than the previous month, but 37% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE 1.32-1.53 MOSTLY 1.39-1.45
YOLKS 1.20-1.49 MOSTLY 1.25-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED 2.80-3.00 MOSTLY 2.80-2.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) 1.25-1.35

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 31 to 33 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 34 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for all liquid products with most observers reporting liquid whole egg prices nearing the bottom. Offerings were fully adequate for whole egg and usually adequate on the balance of products. Demand continued good to very good for whole egg at lower trending prices with white and yolk demand light to moderate. Central States breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	41	21-24.5	22.34	-2.24
WHITES	13	24-28.75	27.00	-1.79
YOLKS	5	31-34.5	32.90	-1.29

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES* WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 7, 2006-APRIL 13, 2006**CURRENT LOADS 100.25 FUTURE LOADS 58.75 TOTAL LOADS 159.00**

CURRENT LOADS - 100125								FUTURE LOADS - 100125								TOTAL LOADS - 100125											
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST			LOADS
GNR W 1	42.00	45.00		40.50	41.20		45.21	41.50	31.00	GNR W 1	31.50	58.00	--	--		--	--		--	--		--	--		--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--		56.00	57.00		40.74	--	8.50	GL W J	43.31	--	--	--		47.00	55.69		--	--		--	--		--	--	12.50
GL W XL	--	44.55		50.10	49.29		33.82	38.39	62.25	GL W XL	34.00	40.25	--	45.75		--	45.99		--	--		--	--		--	--	18.50
GL W LG	--	42.08		46.50	48.00		32.08	42.67	19.00	GL W LG	29.33	47.00	--	64.89		--	42.40		--	--		--	--		--	--	15.50
GL W MD	44.00	30.00		31.70	33.40		21.00	--	13.25	GL W MD	26.78	39.00	25.00	33.00		--	31.83		--	--		--	--		--	--	12.50
GL W SM	--	--		22.11	24.40		18.00	--	8.00	GL W SM	17.00	--	--	--		--	24.00		--	--		--	--		--	--	2.00
GL BR XL	--	--		--	--		46.50	--	.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	61.00		--	--		--	--		--	--		--	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--		--	--		46.50	--	1.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	66.50		--	--		--	--		--	--		--	--	1.50
NRBS - 48	--	24.50		23.50	26.00		22.42	26.26	55.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--		--	--		--	--		--	--		--	--	2.00
NRBS - 45	--	--		--	--		--	24.25	8.00																		
NRBS - 39	--	--		--	--		--	15.50	4.00																		

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classes priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight-material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were less than normal as some operations are down in Observance of Good Friday. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-12	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal costs were TFEWR. Offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate to ample as many producers attempt to move spent hens ahead of previously scheduled slaughter dates. Schedules normal. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-10	5-8

WEST COAST LIGHT**COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS**

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	77.00	75.00	50.00
SOUTHEAST	77.50	75.50	50.00
MIDWEST	70.50	68.50	45.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	78.50	77.50	52.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	75.98	74.25	49.62

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to previous week. Offerings of light canners were fully sufficient for the generally light to fair at best demand; at least adequate to fully adequate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were less than normal with some operations down in Observance of Good Friday. The undertone was steady at best.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

18-28 MAJORITY 23-24 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

W/E 08-Apr-06 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	1,185	1,552	2,737
Last Week	1,166	1,433	2,599
Same week yr ago	1,740	1,314	3,054
To-date/2006	16,948	20,204	37,152
To-date/2005	21,042	18,412	39,454

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	194	0	194
Last Week	339	0	339
Same week yr ago	362	0	362
To-date/2006	3,546	7	3,553
To-date/2005	4,226	11	4,237

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	1,379	1,552	2,931
Last Week	1,505	1,433	2,938
Same week yr ago	2,102	1,314	3,416
To-date/2006	20,494	20,211	40,705
To-date/2005	25,268	18,423	43,691

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 01, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	313	406	2,556	3,619
Frozen	40	0	80	0
Dried	0	3	146	82
Total	353	409	2,782	3,701

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 01, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	78	131	738	2,419
Frozen	59	7	260	309
Dried	0	0	41	300
Total	137	138	1,039	3,028

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 01, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	33
Extra Large	1,560	5,270	16,950	64,470
Large	3,030	14,940	21,165	154,994
Medium	1,740	3,000	18,215	17,835
Ungraded	750	1,440	17,360	10,010
Misc	0	0	1,020	3,793
Total	7,080	24,650	74,860	251,135

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS As of MARCH 31, 2006

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	3,382,026	-4%	29%
FREE FLOWING	7,515,367	0%	42%
SUBTOTAL:	10,897,393	-1%	38%
WHITE (ALBUMEN)	6,106,498	-14%	-11%
YOLK			
PLAIN	2,642,853	-5%	99%
FREE FLOWING	7,039,702	-1%	170%
(w/sodium silico aluminate)			
SUBTOTAL:	9,682,555	-2%	146%
BLENDS 1/			
WHOLE	1,651,667	-2%	-16%
WHITE	58,300	-75%	-45%
YOLK	18,900	-39%	-63%
SUBTOTAL:	1,728,867	-11%	-19%
TOTAL:	28,415,313	-5%	37%

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:FEBRUARY 26, 2006 - APRIL 1, 2006 **TOTAL 11,908,000 LBS.**

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 08-APR-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	217.0	2	11
East North Central	660.5	8	18
West North Central	333.4	11	24
South Atlantic	202.8	2	6
South Central	65.4	-6	-6
West	205.4	8	1
Total	1684.5	6	13
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 08-APR-2006

Selected	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	32.8	31.6	4	30
Boston	3.5	3.0	17	6
Chicago	107.6	96.8	11	63
Detroit	20.3	16.3	25	-19
Kansas City	5.4	3.5	54	74
Los Angeles	117.1	113.0	4	16
New Orleans	6.1	6.1	0	-22
New York	33.7	32.6	3	10
St. Louis	20.9	19.6	7	33
San Francisco	19.9	19.3	3	-23
Total	367.3	341.8	7	21
4 Week Moving Avg.	341.5			

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 04/10/06	3,430	80,934	66,094
AM 04/01/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
CHG	37	-99	1213
PCT CHG	1%	0%	2%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Apr 11, 2006

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	111	108	70	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	99-103	96-100	75-79	47-51
MOSTLY	101-102	98-99	77-78	49-50
RHODE ISLAND	111-114	107-111	69-73	49-53
MOSTLY	111	107	69	49
VERMONT	111	108-109	70-75	-
MOSTLY	-	108	70	-

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